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Applicant(s): HAYASHI et al

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For: Ultrasound Diagnostic Apparatus And Ultrasound  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop: Amendment (No Fee)  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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January 20, 2006

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as  
set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.